

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Planning and Design** for the
West Side Interceptor and Lift Station
City of Greensburg
314 N. Michigan Street
Greensburg, IN 47240

SRF Project Number: WW070116 02

Authorized Representative: The Honorable Frank Manus, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Greensburg is located approximately 50 miles southeast of Indianapolis in Decatur County. According to the city's engineering consultants, construction of the proposed lift station will occur in the Forest Hill USGS Quadrangle, T11N, R9E, Section 32; the proposed force main construction will occur in the Greensburg Quadrangle T10N, R9E, Sections 3 and 11, and in the Forest Hill Quadrangle, T11N, R9E, Sections 3, 32, and 33; and the proposed interceptor construction will occur in the Greensburg USGS Quadrangle, T10N, R9E, Section 11.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

No construction is associated with this project. This project will only address planning and design; the actual construction project will be implemented later after further review.

Once design is completed, the city will submit a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs for environmental, technical and financial review.

The PER will report how Greensburg proposes to extend its sewer system to serve the recently announced Honda assembly plant and provide capacity to serve future expansion on the north and west sides of the city. The proposed construction project will include approximately 19,700 feet of force main that will connect the new lift station to be constructed on the Honda site to a new gravity interceptor located north of the existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The new force main from the Honda site will be

constructed in an easement provided by Honda and then proceed in the existing Rail America right of way to approximately Ireland Street where it will discharge into the new gravity interceptor. The new gravity sewer of approximately 3,100 feet will extend south along Ireland Street to Scoby Street where it will extend east to Monfort Street and then south along Monfort to the WWTP. The proposed submersible lift station will consist of a precast wetwell with submersible pumps and be served by an emergency generator. A separate building is also being proposed to house the electrical and control equipment.

The WWTP will also be expanded to accommodate flows from the new Honda assembly plant and anticipated future growth on the north and south sides of the city.

There are no feasible alternatives to the proposed action. The “no-action” alternative was rejected, since that alternative would not address the need to accommodate the new Honda plant or the anticipated growth over the twenty years.

IV. PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Greensburg will borrow \$1,000,000 for planning and design costs at a fixed interest rate to be determined at loan closing; the loan term is no more than 20-years. Monthly user rates and charges may need to be analyzed to determine if any adjustments are required for repayment of the SRF loan. After bids are received, the city will close a second SRF loan to fund actual project construction; that construction project will go through an environmental, technical and financial review coordinated by the SRF programs.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Since this project will consist only of planning and design, there will be no substantive negative environmental impacts. The planning and design project has no potential to affect historic sites. IDEM’s finding pursuant to Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act is: “no historic properties affected.”

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed public hearing will be held in advance of the second SRF loan closing at the City Hall, in Greensburg to discuss the proposed wastewater project.